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STEPPING UP THE PACE OF IDENTIFICATION OF NEW APPOINTEES TO LONG-VACANT PROVINCIAL POSITIONS, KIANGSI RADIO JANUARY 2 REVEALED THAT VETERAN CADRE CHIANG WEI-CHING (3068/3262/3237) IS PARTY FIRST SECRETARY IN THE PROVINCE. HE PRESUMABLY IS ALSO REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. CHIANG, THE FORMER FIRST SECRETARY IN KIANGSU, WAS LIKE OTHER RECENT TOP PROVINCIAL APPOINTEES (REFTEL) PURGED DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION.

2. CHIANG WAS REHABILITATED AT THE TENTH PARTY CONGRESS (AUGUST 1973) AND BECAME AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AT THAT TIME. HE, LIKE THE RECENTLY IDENTIFIED FIRST SECRETARY OF FUKIEN, LIAO CHIH-KAO, HAD BEEN APPEARING ONLY IN PEKING WITHOUT TITLE OR APPARENT POSITION UNTIL THE RECENT
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ANNOUNCEMENT. HOWEVER, UNLIKE LIAO, CHIANG HAS BEEN SEEN IN

PEKING FOR TWO RECENT FUNERALS OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS
(NOVEMBER 25 AND DECEMBER 7) MAKING HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE
KIANGSI POSITION CLEARLY A RECENT OCCURENCE.

3. COMMENT. THE FILLING OF TOP PROVINCIAL POSITIONS VACATED
BY THE SHIFT OF THE MR COMMANDERS IN DECEMBER 1973 IS NOW ALL
BUT COMPLETE, WITH ONLY HUPEH AND LIAONING PROVINCES NOT YET
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